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(SBU) We confirmed that the Dutch ambassador to Turkey informed the MFA on December 19 of the Netherlands' plan to host the fifth round of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism in June 2009 at the Hague. We delivered reftel demarche on December 23 to MFA Nonproliferation and Disarmament Department Head Elif Ulgen, who congratulated the Dutch, but stated Turkey's intention not to participate in the meeting at a senior level due to its concerns about Cypriot participation in the initiative. Turkey will likely send a representative from its embassy at The Hague. Ulgen said a similar message was provided to the Dutch ambassador. The Russian Embassy had received instructions to deliver the demarche, but has not done so as of January 15.

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